

MONTANA WRITING PROJECT



**MSU/COT Campus
Great Falls, Montana
Saturday
April 21, 2007**

Fee: \$50.00 (Includes lunch)

**6 Renewal credits
available through OPI.**

**Also, we invite you to
apply for PIR/Flex.**

**To Register, fill out and
return the registration
form to:**

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3rd Annual Rural Conference for Writing Education Responding to the Challenges of Access, Relevance and Diversity: Teaching Writing in Montana

**The Conference will focus on effective instructional strategies
for teaching writing at all levels of education.**

Session Topics Could Include:

- **Assessment**
- **Managing paper load**
- **Reading/Writing workshop**
- **Writing instruction for Elementary grades**
- **Other promising practices for teaching writing**

Format includes:

- **Formal presentations**
- **In-depth discussions**
- **Focused workshops**

Conference will also include:

- **Sessions devoted to strategies to integrate Indian Education
for All and culturally appropriate writing curriculum,
instruction and assessment**
- **Several sessions focusing on K-5 writing education**

**Debra Earling, award winning author of the novel Perma Red
and The Lost Journals of Sacajewa and professor of creative
writing at the University of Montana, will read from her work and
present a strand on implementing Indian Education for All.
Debra won numerous awards for Perma Red including the:**

- **Western Writers Association Spur Award for Best Novel of
the West**
- **Western Writers of America's Medicine Pipe Bearer Award
for Best First Novel**
- **American Book Award**

Debra's short stories have appeared in:

- ***The Last Best Place: A Montana Anthology***
- ***Talking Leaves: Contemporary Native American Short Stories***
- ***Circle of Women: Anthology of Western Women Writers***
- ***Wild Women: Anthology of Women Writers***